

Exhibit 13

RECORDS
OF THE
COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND
AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
IN
NEW ENGLAND.



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1677. Voted, that the Recorder shall forthwith draw out two
 ~~~~~ copies of the order about the Indians ; one to be set up  
 in Newport, and the other in Portsmouth.

Voted, that the Clerke of this Assembly shall have  
 fourteene shillings from each towne, beinge for coppies of  
 this Court acts, with the seale of the Collony affixed.

Voted, this Assembly is dissolved. October 27th.

*At a meeting of the Governor and Councill of this Col-  
 lony, January 22, 1676-7.*

Whereas, there are great complaints to this Councill of  
 the great inconveniencies which accrue to this Island, by  
 reason of severall wigwams, which are set up both in  
 men's perticular lands, and in the commons, wherein sev-  
 erall Indians doe meet, gittinge drinke, and are often  
 drunke, and is to be feared by such meetings they may  
 have oppertunity to plot anew, mischief to our great dam-  
 age ; the premises considered, this Councill doe order, that  
 no person shall suffer any Indian wigwam to be built upon  
 his land, or shade made of mats or in other ways made  
 for the entertaininge of Indians ; or of any such aforesaid  
 be all ready built, all such wigwams or shades so built,  
 shall, after warninge given by a Magistrate, or any other  
 appointed by him, be pulled down by the owner of the  
 lands where such wigwams or shades are set up, within  
 two days after the said warninge ; and upon refusall, it  
 shall be in the power of the Governor and Deputy Gov-  
 ernor, or any one Assistant, to grant forth warrant to a  
 Constable to take sufficient aide with him, and to pull  
 downe and demollish all such wigwams or shades as afore-  
 said. Further, it is ordered, that the same warninge as  
 abovesaid, shall be given to all persons which have set  
 up or built any such wigwam or shade as aforesaid in the  
 common of this Island, to pull them down, and upon re-  
 fusall, a warrant from the Governor, to a constable as  
 aforesaid, to demollish all such wigwams,

Ordered, that if any Indian or Indians upon this Island 1677. shall be found with any liquors or stronge drinke about him or them, in either bottle or bottles, or any other vessell, it shall be lawfull for any inhabitant upon this Island to take away all such liquors or strong drinke, and to break all such bottles or vessells, in pieces.

Ordered, the Councill takeinge in their serious considerations not only the inconveniencies, but the discontent which arises in severall inhabitants of this Island, by reason that severall Indians doe pass and re-pass on and off this Island, with guns and ammunition, showinge noe ticket or order soe to doe, these are to order and authorize any inhabitant of this Island that shall meet any Indian or Indians with either gun or guns, or ammunition to take them from him or them, and bring both guns, ammunition and Indians before the Governor or Deputy Governor, to be examined of the reason of their so doeing, and to dispose of them accordinge to either of their discretions.

Further, it is ordered, that the Secretary shall draw forth two coppies, one for Newport, and one for Portsmouth, to be set upon some publicke place. Likewise, that the Clerke of each towne shall reade and publish these orders in their first towne meetinge convened after these orders come in to his hand.

*Letter from Rhode Island to Connecticut.*

Newport, Aprill 21, 1677.

Honored Gentlemen: Forasmuch as we are informed that by your warrant and express order, divers of inhabitants of the Narragansett country are taken by Capt. Geo. Denison, and carried away as prisoners for their lawful employments; and also from their possessions in this Collony, and within the bounds thereof are arrested and conveyed to yourselves for tryall upon default of execution and disobedience to your authoritie exercised by your declarations and edicts given forth within our limits